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**B. Amendment to the Claims**

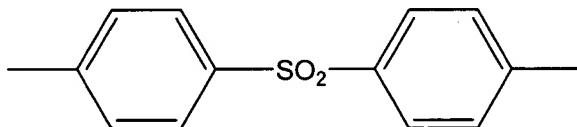
Please cancel claim 9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1 and 30 as follows.

*not use*

1. (Currently Amended) An endless belt for use in an  
electrophotographic apparatus, to which a toner image on a photosensitive member of the  
electrophotographic apparatus is transferred by applying a first transfer bias and from *PbP*  
which the toner image is transferred to an image-receiving material by applying a second  
transfer bias, the belt comprising a conductive agent and electrophotography which is  
obtainable continuously by melt extrusion from a circular die, the endless belt comprising a  
layer containing a thermoplastic resin having a diphenyl sulfone structure represented by  
the following Formula (1) and having a resistance of  $1 \times 10^0$  to  $1 \times 10^{14} \Omega$ :

*or*



(1)

*PbP*

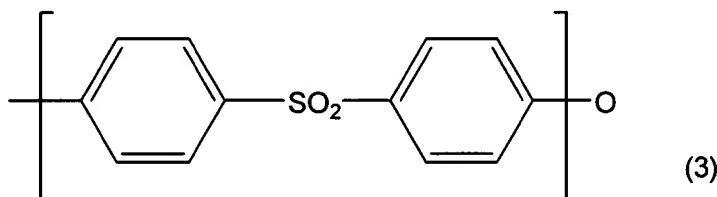
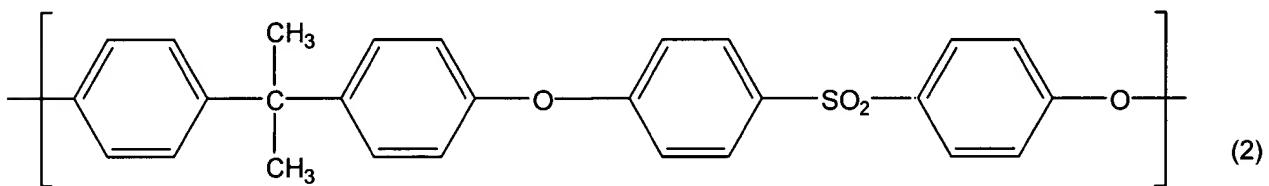
wherein the belt is obtained by a process comprising the steps of:  
providing an extrusion material having a breaking extension of 2% or more  
and a tensile breaking strength of 40MPa or more, the extrusion material comprising the  
thermoplastic resin;

extruding the extrusion material in a molten state through a circular die  
having an external diameter and a slit-width; and  
subjecting the extruded resin to a scale-up inflation by air blowing or  
drawing the extruded resin by applying tension and forming a seamless belt having a

*need  
conduct agent  
(metals)*

thickness not larger than 1/3 of the slit-width of the circular die and an external diameter from 105% to 400% of the external diameter of the circular die the endless belt having a thickness not larger than 1/3 of the slit-width of the circular die used and having an external diameter of from 105% to 400% of the external diameter of the die slit of the circular die used, wherein an extrusion material has a breaking extension of 2% or more and a tensile breaking strength of 40 MPa or more.

2. (Previously Amended) An endless belt according to claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic resin having a diphenyl sulfone structure is a thermoplastic resin having a structural unit represented by the following Formula (2) or (3)



3. (Original) An endless belt according to claim 1, which has a thickness of from 40  $\mu\text{m}$  to 300  $\mu\text{m}$ .

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) An endless belt according to claim 1, which has a thickness not larger than 1/5 of the slit width of the circular die used.

6-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Amended) An endless belt according to claim 1, which has a maximum value of a surface-direction resistance that is not greater than 100 times a minimum value of said surface-direction resistance.

11. (Previously Amended) An endless belt according to claim 1, which has a maximum value of a thickness-direction resistance that is not greater than 100 times a minimum value of said thickness-direction resistance.

12. (Original) An endless belt according to claim 1, which is an intermediate transfer belt.

13. (Original) An endless belt according to claim 1, which is a transfer material carrying belt.

14-30. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus for electrophotography comprising:

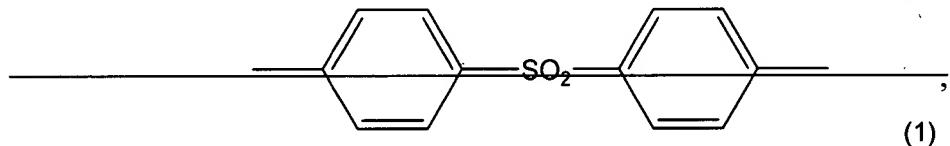
a photosensitive member;

an endless belt according to claim 1; and

*PP-* means for transferring a toner image formed on the photosensitive member to the endless belt under an application of a first transfer bias; and

means for transferring the toner image from the endless belt to an image-receiving material under an application of a second transfer bias which is obtainable continuously by melt extrusion from a circular die;

said endless belt comprising a layer containing a thermoplastic resin having a diphenyl sulfone structure represented by the following Formula (1)



the endless belt having a thickness not larger than 1/3 of the slit width of the circular die used and having an external diameter of from 105% to 400% of the external diameter of the die slit of the circular die used, wherein an extrusion material has a breaking extension of 2% or more and a tensile breaking strength of 40 MPa or more.